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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Das et al. Serial No.: 10/045,542 Filed: October 26, 2001 Confirmation No.: 3570 Group Art Unit: 1762 Examiner: Michael. E. Barr

For: METHOD OF FABRICATING AN OXIDE LAYER ON A SILICON CARBIDE LAYER UTILIZING AN ANNEAL IN A HYDROGEN

ENVIRONMENT

Date: September 26, 2003

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Amendment to address the issues raised in the Notice of Allowance mailed June 27, 2003. Applicants provide the present Amendment pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.